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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) PATENT
Lars JOHNSEN)
Serial No.: 09/936,820) GROUP: 3727
Filed: October 23, 2001) EXAMINER: N. ELOSHWAY
A LID FOR CLOSING A CONTAINER) CUSTOMER NO.: 25269
) CONFIRMATION NO.: 1479

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 30, 2006

Sir:

The applicant has received the final Office Action of December 30, 2005, and has carefully considered the examiner's new rejections of the claims. He believes and asserts that these rejections are without merit. His comments follow.

The examiner has rejected claims 49 and 52-55 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geiger in view of Lecinski and Acton (newly cited). The examiner asserts that, based on Lecinski, it would be obvious to employ a third layer on the inner lid 3 of Geiger, and based on the use of an inner lid 6 in Acton which is planar in shape, it would be obvious to use a planar inner lid 3 in Geiger. This latter conclusion is clearly without merit.